

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first sentence of the specification as follows:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/003,640, filed November 2, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/698,527, filed October 27, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 8 – 17 from consideration.